GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WITHDRAWAL OF FIRST CLASS COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have withdrawn first class coaches from various trains particularly those trains running in Malabar region of Kerala state;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways are aware of the difficulties faced by daily commuters holding 1st class season tickets;

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Railways in this regard;

(e) whether the Railways propose to allow first class season ticket holders to travel in three tier Air-conditioned compartments or second class reserved compartments subject to availability of seats; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (b): Production of First class coaches have since been stopped and the existing first class coaches are withdrawn on age-cum-condition basis.

(c & d) On specific sections where there is sufficient demand for first class season tickets and first class coaches are not available in trains, the zonal railways attach AC chair coaches, if available, for use of first class seasons ticket holders.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.